Ordnance Base Being Used by CIA?

HERTFORD, N.C. — A Navy ordnance testing facility on Albemarle Sound here has been used for years as a secret CIA paramilitary training base, the Norfolk Virginia-Pilot reports.

Former CIA and Defense Department officials, who asked not to be identified, told the newspaper the base was activated in 1960 as an equipment staging area for the CIA-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba in 1961.

Since then, the CIA has trained its officers, mercenaries and foreign troops at the base for operations in Africa, Cuba, Latin America and Southeast Asia, the Virginian-Pilot said yesterday.